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- 1. DEPUTY AMERICAN DESK OFFICER IN FEDERAL SECRETARIAT FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROVIDED FURTHER INFORMATION ON TOTH ARREST IN ANSWER TO QUERY BY DCM AUGUST 25.
- 2. DESK OFFICER SAID THAT TOTH HAD WORKED IN SUGAR FACTORY BEFORE EMIGRATING TO U.S. WHEN HE RETURNED FOR VISIT HE ASKED PERMISSION TO TAKE PICTURES OF FACTORY. PERMISSION WAS DENIED ON GROUNDS FACTORY IS "STRATEGIC OBJECT". TOTH REPORTEDLY ACKNOWLEDGES HE WAS TOLD THIS BUT NEVERTHELESS TRIED TO HIRE TWO MEN TO TAKE PICTURES FOR HIM. FIRST REFUSED, BUT SECOND AGREED. LATTER AND TOTH NOW FACE CHARGES ACCORDING TO DESK OFFICER.
- 3. WHEN DCM QUESTIONED WHETHER SUGAR FACTORY COULD SERIOUSLY BE CONSIDERED STRATEGIC LOCATION, DESK OFFICER SAID HE WAS NOT TECHNICAL EXPERT BUT THAT DENIAL OF PERMISSION TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS GAVE TOTH FAIR WARNING THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED.
- 4. GOY VERSION OF EVENTS SIMILAR TO VERSION PROVIDED BY TOTH'S SISTER (REFTEL). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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